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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	10177	Agenda Number	14.
Meeting Date:	11/3/2011	Department:	Health and Human Services	
Subject				
<p>Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$17,000 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, Division of Prevention and Preparedness Services, and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) by appropriating \$17,000 for the Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$17,000 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Division of Prevention and Preparedness Services. The Grant period is September 2, 2011 through June 9, 2012. No City match is required.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A Fiscal note is attached.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
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Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is providing funds to allow the City to participate in an Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project (IISP) sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists.

The IISP enhances the city's current influenza surveillance system and response activities. DSHS has recruited a healthcare provider within our public health jurisdiction who has voluntarily agreed to participate in the project by submitting weekly reports on patient visits, collecting specimens from patients with influenza-like illness, and submitting the specimens along with clinical information to the DSHS laboratory.

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department will assist DSHS by:

- ensuring that the healthcare provider is compliant with the project's reporting requirements,
- submitting monthly performance reports, and
- recruiting another healthcare provider should the provider become non-compliant.

The funding supports the Department's goals of protecting, preventing, and monitoring the community for preventable diseases.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Related Department Goal: Maintain a public health and human services emergency preparedness capacity in coordination with other City Departments and community partners that allocates existing and emergency resources in a flexible and responsive manner to address public health risks and human services needs in an emergency.

Related Performance Measures include:

- Number of cases investigated by the IISP
- Percent of all infectious diseases reported that result in intervention strategies implemented
- Number of non-investigated case reports
- Number of emergency plans

Outputs/Outcomes:

Maintain and improve public health emergency preparedness planning and response capability in Austin/Travis County by improving existing influenza surveillance capacity.